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1. AS DEPARTMENT HAS ASTUTELY OBSERVED IN REF A, PHILIPPINE APPROACH TO RENEGOTIATION OF U.S. MILITARY BASE RIGHTS IS AT VARIANCE WITH STRAIGHTFORWARD LAWYER'S POSITION WHICH U.S. HAS TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT. WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY, I LEFT VARIOUS INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS A COPY OF A PAPER WHICH INCORPORATED THE BROADER PHILIPPINE AMBITIONS. AT THAT TIME I STATED (AND REPEAT HEREIN) THAT WE NEED FEEL NO RPT NO PANIC ABOUT THIS APPROACH FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. WE HAVE A PERFECTLY VALID AGREEMENT WHICH IS LEGALLY BINDING UNTIL 1991;

B. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RETAIN OUR BASES HERE; AND

C. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH A CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES OVER THIS ISSUE.

2. THEREFORE, IT SEEMS TO ME INCUMBENT ON THE UNITED STATES TO EXAMINE THE PHILIPPINE DESIDERATA AND SEE WHICH AMONG THEM HAVE SOME PARTICULAR VALUE TO OUR INTERESTS. ONCE WE
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HAVE IDENTIFIED THEM, WE SHOULD EXAMINE HOW WE CAN BEST

INCORPORATE THEM INTO OUR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, IT APPEARS CLEAR FROM OUR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS IS MOST RELUCTANT TO CONCLUDE ANY DOCUMENT WHICH IS GOING TO BE DEBATED IN THE U.S. CONGRESS IN THE CURRENT WASHINGTON ATMOSPHERE. THIS FACT, COMBINED WITH OTHER CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED IN REFS A AND B, SUGGEST A MODIFIED APPROACH TO THE ISSUES AT HAND.

4. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT WE CAN MEET MANY OF THE PHILIPPINE DESIRES TO MAKE THEIR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. PALATABLE TO THEIR ASIAN NEIGHBORS THROUGH THE DEVICE OF A "DECLARATION" OF PRINCIPLES SIMILAR TO THE NATO DOCUMENT SIGNED AT OTTAWA, OR THE DOCUMENT WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SPAIN. THIS WOULD MERELY BE A POLITICAL STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTENTIONS WHICH WOULD LACK THE LEGAL FORCE OF A TREATY, AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

5. ONCE THIS DOCUMENT IS PUBLICIZED, WE COULD MOVE AHEAD WITH "STRAIGHTFORWARD" RENEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT ON MILITARY BASE RIGHTS, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ITS SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE (OR THE CONGRESS) COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE WASHINGTON POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE APPEARS PROPITIOUS.

6. I REALIZE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR DEPT. TO COMMENT COGENTLY ON THIS SUGGESTION UNLESS AND UNTIL WE SUBMIT A PROPOSED TEXT OF SUCH A DECLARATION. I WILL THEREFORE EXPLOIT PRESENCE OF GEORGE ALDRICH HERE LATER THIS WEEK TO DEVELOP A TEXT FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION. WE WILL, OF COURSE, REFRAIN FROM ANY MENTION OF THIS SUGGESTION TO PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES AND WILL CONFINE OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM TO THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO DRAW THEM OUT MORE FULLY ON THEIR DESIDERATA.
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